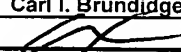


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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b>  <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i>		Attorney Docket No.		500.43116X00	
		First Inventor		SUZUKI, KATSUYOSHI	
		Title		DISK ARRAY APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE SAME	
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	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 18	-20** = 0	x 0.00	= 0.00
Indep. Claims 3	-3** = 0	x 0.00	= 0.00
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1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action	
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1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
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1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
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1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
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